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COGEN CHARGES W.C.O.T.P. GETTING FUNDS FROM C.I.A.

FAHEY FLYNN: "The head of the American Federation of Teachers charges that an organization dominated by the National Education Association received more than one million dollars from the Central Intelligence Agency. President Charles Cogen challenged the N.E.A. to open its books for inspection. He talked to reporters including Channel Two's Joe Mathewson."

COGEN: "I think it is highly improper that an educational organization which pretends to be sending educators abroad merely for the purpose of cooperating with other teaching organizations and teacher leaders in furthering the interests of education and of the profession, it is highly improper for them to receive secret funds and move them abroad."

FLYNN: "Cogen identified the recipient of the money as the World Confederations of Organizations of the Teacher Profession. The National Education Association denies Cogen's charges and says its books are always open for inspection."